as no National Highways pass through hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

[*English*]

Privatisation of Iron ore Mines

3472. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to privatise some iron ore mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Modernisation of Irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh

3473. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister] of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for modernisation of irrigation projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). A statement giving details of modernisation of irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh together with their appraisal status and action taken is attached.